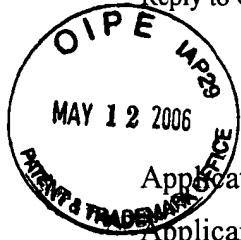


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.**